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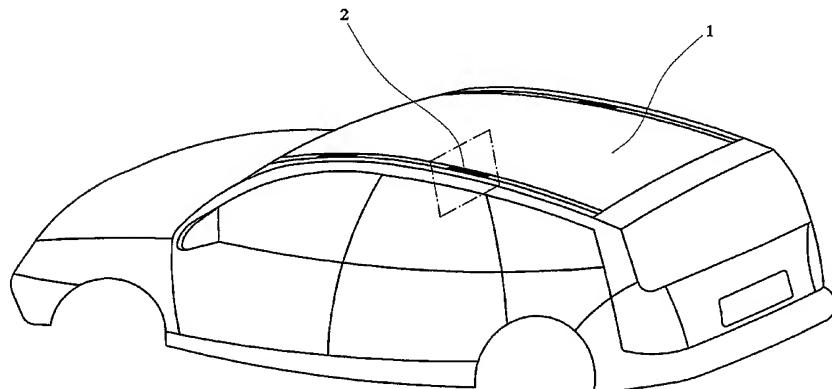
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method of attaching a load carrier to a vehicle and/or fixing member. The method comprises applying adhesive to the vehicle roof and/or the fixing member, and attaching the fixing member to the vehicle, for subsequent attachment of a load carrier to the fixing member.